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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. Patent Application of:)
William A. White, III, et al.)
Application No. 10/004,311)
Filed: November 26, 2001)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
ASSIGNING A NETWORK NODE)
ADDRESS)
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 21, 2005

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Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2005. This Reply is being submitted within the three month shortened statutory time period. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

Please amend the application as follows:

Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.